

conventionally grouted.

2. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tile abutment means comprises a ridge extending away from the tile engaging side.

3. A tiling guide according to Claim 2 wherein the ridge is located along a central longitudinal axis of the tiling guide.

4. A tiling guide according to Claim 2 wherein the ridge comprises one or more cut-outs.

5. A tiling guide according to Claim 4 wherein the ridge has a castellated cross-section parallel to a longitudinal axis of the tiling guide.

6. A tiling guide according to Claim 2 wherein the ridge has a T-shaped cross-section, the T-shape allowing the grout to key into the tiling guide.

7. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tiling guide comprises two non-parallel substantially flat elongate portions.

8. A tiling guide according to Claim 7 wherein the angle between the two non-parallel substantially flat elongate portions is selected from the group comprising 60°, 45°, 90° and 120°.

9. A tiling guide according to Claims 1 to 5 wherein the tiling guide comprises a single elongate portion.

10. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the or each end of the tiling guide is provided with one or more markings to enable the or each end to be cut away at a specific angle.

11 11. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the surface-engaging means comprises an adhesive along the surface-engaging side of the tiling guide.

11 12. A tiling guide according to Claim 11 wherein prior to use of the tiling guide the adhesive is protected by a removable sheet.

18 13. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the or each elongate portion comprises a number of cut outs along the or each edge to enable the tiling guide to bent into a desired curved shape.

11 14. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tile engaging side of the tiling guide is roughened by means of scratches or grooves.

19 15. A tiling guide according to Claim 1 wherein the tile engaging side subtends an angle of from 2 to 10° with the surface.

Please cancel Claim 16.

11 17. A method of tiling comprising the steps of:
establishing a line on or adjacent the surface to be tiled;
securing a tiling guide of the type specified herein above to the surface using the established line to assist alignment of the tiling guide;
applying adhesive to the surface to be tiled;
aligning one or more tiles along the tiling guide;
tiling the remainder of the surface; and
applying grout to fill in the space between the tiles and obscure the tiling guide from view.

11 18. A method of tiling according to Claim 17 wherein the tile is aligned by

abutment against an outwardly extending ridge located on the tiling guide.

// 19. A method of tiling according to Claim 17 wherein a second tiling guide is secured at an angle, adjacent the tiling guide to enable two edges of a tile to be aligned.

// 20. A pack of tiles comprising:

a) a tiling guide to aid the placement of tiles onto a surface, the tiling guide comprising:

surface-engaging means which enable the tiling guide to be secured to the surface;

one or more substantially flat elongate portions each having a tile engaging side and a surface engaging side; and

tile abutment means to align the edge of a tile, the tiling guide being so sized as to be completely obscured from view once the completed tiling has been conventionally grouted; and

b) a plurality of tiles packaged with the tiling guide.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the foregoing amendments.

The above claims have been amended to better conform to U.S. practice and to eliminate the multiple dependency of claims.

Please enter this amendment prior to calculating the fee in this case. Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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